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In re Patent Application of

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS  
FOR TREATING NAILS AND  
ADJACENT TISSUES



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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Final Official Action mailed January 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 17 and 18 without prejudice and replace claims 1, 14 and 16 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for treating nails comprising applying a composition comprising an effective, nail-enhancing amount of non-interlinked particles of bioactive glass to the nails for a sufficient amount of time to provide that a layer of hydroxyapatite or other calcium phosphate crystals is formed on the nail and ions from the bioactive glass penetrate layers of the nails to form hydroxyapatite crystals within the layers of the nails.

14. (Twice Amended) A method for treating nails in mammals other than humans comprising applying a composition comprising an effective, nail-enhancing amount of non-interlinked particles of bioactive glass to the nails for a sufficient amount of time to provide